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Re: Support for HB 4603

To Members of the Michigan House Health Policy Committee

Dear Representative

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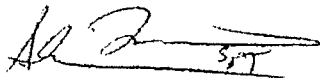
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My name is Adam Kliebert and I am a Michigander through and through. I am writing to you today as a physical therapist student expressing my concerns with the current physical therapy practice restrictions for physical therapists in Michigan. With direct consumer access present in 46 states plus the District of Columbia in the US, and growing popularity around the world, it has been disheartening to see its denial in the state that I was born, raised, and educated in.

I chose to go to Oakland University for my Doctor of Physical Therapy degree because of the high quality clinicians that it produces year after year. I feel that I have been well prepared to manage every patient that comes to see me. I emphasize the word "manage" because with my education I know enough to know whom I can and cannot help. I have been taught at great lengths to identify those individuals and refer them to the medical professional that can help them when their problems are outside the scope of physical therapy care. That is the true meaning of a healthcare provider to me; being able to get the patient the specific care they need as soon as possible to ensure optimal outcomes.

Unfortunately, to be the healthcare provider that I aspire to be, I will be looking for work in different states come this winter. I want the opportunity to aid my community in the best way I know how; and I feel that the sooner I can be of assistance the more effective I can be as a physical therapist. That is why I am going to seek a career as a physical therapist in a state that allows direct consumer access. I hope that the HB 4603 is received well and that I can return in the future to practice in my home state of Michigan.

Thank you for your time and I hope to be back.



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